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McElroy Trust Fellowship application deadline approaching

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Gloria Campbell

Wartburg seniors still have time to apply for the McElroy Trust Fellowship Program, which supports students who are pursuing a Ph.D.

Each year two recent graduates from northeast Iowa colleges are awarded $30,000 to pursue a Ph.D.

Gloria Campbell, the college sponsored programs administrator, said there are around three students who are considering it, but she encouraged more to apply.

Campbell communicates with and works closely with the students to make sure they are prepared for the interview process and the applications, as well as helps to arrange a committee to review the applicants.

“They look at academic potential, they look at service and leadership qualities and then personal qualities through the personal references,” Campbell said.

According to the fellowship's official webpage, during the selction process, considerable weight will be given to a candidate's academic record and to extra-curricular activities that give evidence of initiative, comitment and discipline.

The webpage said the objective of the Fellowships is to provide financial assistance to candidates with outstanding graduate school potential.

Each application is reviewed by the president or dean of the college. After selecting a single applicant, the application is forwarded to the McElroy Trust Fellowship Selection Committee for review.

Campbell said the selection process will take place in late spring, during which applicants can expect a personal interview.

Although Wartburg students aren’t always selected, Campbell said filling out the application can be beneficial to the student.

“If they apply for any long term scholarship it helps them to articulate what their goals are,” Campbell said.

“It forces you to put into writing who you are and what you want to do and that alone is worth the process," she said.

Campbell said she encourages students who have questions or would like to fill out an application to email her directly.

Applications for the fellowship are due by Jan. 31 at 5 p.m.

Waverly celebrates movie premiere

Students and community members lined up on the red carpet Friday, Jan. 19 for the sold-out premiere of "This Day Forward." Many students who attended the premiere were part of the film's crew. -**Hannah Kilburg**/*TRUMPET*

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Hundreds of people flocked to the Palace Theater on Friday night to witness the Waverly premiere of a movie shot right in their backyard.

"This Day Forward," a film about Wartburg alumnus Mike Jensen's struggles with cancer and its impact on his family, was filmed in Waverly in May 2017.

The idea for "This Day Forward" was conceived by Wartburg alumnus Brian Ide, who directed the film.

Ide was a classmate of Jensen's at Wartburg, and came up with the idea when he heard of the family's struggles.

Chris Wilson, who was a professor of journalism and communication at Wartburg at the time, said Ide came to the administration with the idea of including students in the production.

"Brian flew out initially to meet with President Colson and other Wartburg decision makers. He also met with Penni Pier and me," Wilson said.

"That discussion is what really centered on getting the students involved," Wilson said.

"If it worked with their shooting schedule, we offered to center the May-Term cinema course entirely around the film production. Luckily everything lined up," he said.

After the announcement, some students from the Department of Journalism and Communication signed on to help.

Wilson taught the class that took part in the filming, and he said the course gave the students excellent experience.

Spero Stamboulis, the film's producer, told "Cedar Valley Today" he worked directly with all the students and it was a very different experience than any other movie he'd worked on.

"It was exciting because it gave me a little bit of a chance to be a mentor," Stamboulis said.

"The team Brian and Spero assembled was full of really experienced people from LA, New York and a lot making a living in the Midwest, especially Minneapolis." Wilson said.

"There was so much for them to learn so I just facilitated getting them around people and letting conversations and curiosity take their course," Wilson said.

"I think all of the students got a lot out of the experience, even if it was just realizing that film work isn't what they want to do for a career," he said.

Ide told "Cedar Valley Today" the experience was rewarding for him.

"It was always in the back of my mind, this inspiration to hopefully bring something back for the future students," Ide said.

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Students celebrate MLK Week with service

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Wartburg honored civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. during MLK Week, Jan. 15-19, through several events on campus.

The MLK Week committee has been planning the events for the week since the beginning of October, said Committee Chair Breyanna Primous, said.

Primous decided to get involved because she believes that MLK Week is one of the most important weeks at Wartburg.

“Wartburg is really big on Leadership, Service, Learning and Faith and I believe that MLK Week embodies all of those pillars into one week,” Primous said.

To start MLK Week, Wartburg shortened its class schedule on Monday to allow for the Day of Service to start.

Events throughout the week also included Poverty Simulation, the movie “Freedom Writers,” Peace Dialogues, Sip and Paint, MLK Chapel, Sanctuary, Implicit Bias and Education led by Dr. Beverly Smith and Felicia Smith-Nalls and The Outlet.

“My favorite event that has happened is the Peace Dialogue,” Primous said.

“We were able to have students and faculty/staff from different backgrounds come together and make conversation about our campus. The conversations that I heard were riveting and really important to discuss on this campus. Plus, P Col was able to come and engage in conversation.”

Krystal Madlock has been the adviser to the MLK Week Committee since she started working in the Student Life office for at least 18 years.

Madlock said that picking her favorite event for the week is hard because everything was great.

Kaitlyn Coleman participated in Sip and Paint as part of the week's celebration. -**Hannah Kilburg**/*TRUMPET*

“Students that don’t normally go to Chapel or the Sanctuary are considering making this a part of their normal routine," Madlock said. "Madlock also said Martin Luther King Day is more than celebrating the man himself.

“Dr. King stood for leadership, service and equal opportunities for all,” Madlock said. “So we celebrate this day to honor his legacy and continue moving toward the dream.”

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(From left counter- clock wise) Students made tie blankets for the Blankets of Love project during MLK Week. (Top right) Students enjoyed a "Sip and Paint" and they painted a "black power fist". For a full photo gallery, visit the Trumpet website at www.wartburgtrumpet.com.

Wartburg to host TEDx

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Ian Coon has been working on the marketing plan for the event. – **Robert Newell**/*Trumpet*

A group of Wartburg students are working to organize a TEDx event in early spring.

TEDx is an independent version of a TEDTalk. TED stands for technology, entertainment and design. These are usually a national event, but TEDx is an independent event that travels around to various locations.

Ian Coon, a journalism and communication major, is one of the students leading the organization of the event.

"I think it's really outstanding that Wartburg has been able to pull this all together. It's all been student led so far, the administration has been very supportive," Coon said.

The process for bringing this event to campus started in the fall of 2017. An application was filled out to get permission for the TED event to be at Wartburg.

Having receieved approval from the Ted company, a team of 15 Wartburg students formed to organize the event.

"By bringing TEDx I want to give everyone a chance to sit down and reflect on many important issues, from economic issues to social ones," Alejandro Salazar, president of the group said.

"I want people to feel motivated to stand up and shout out their great ideas to innovate, to create and to inspire others to be the change that this society needs," Salazar said.

These students are coordinating all aspects of the event. This includes all of the marketing, videography and organizing speakers for the event.

Coon is excited by how much involvement the students have shown and thinks this will be a great opportunity for the campus.

"It really speaks to the power of students wanting to help other students on this campus by giving them a platform to share their voice and experiences," Coon said.

Coon and the 14 others are currently in the process of getting this event approved by Wartburg College.

This decision will be made after the event goes through committee discussion and will be voted on in a couple weeks.

The event will be open to students and the community to attend. Since this will be the first TEDx event at Wartburg, there will be an approximate 100 ticket limit.

The event will be recorded for those unable to attend.

For more information on the event, visit the TEDx Wartburg College page on Facebook or follow them on Twitter.

Premiere at the Palace

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Wilson also said the nature of a film set put the students hard at work. He said his students should be proud of what their hard work helped create.

"Brian, Spero and everyone else involved had really nothing but praise for what the students gave," Wilson said. "Everyone who was part of it should be very proud and looking forward to seeing where the project goes."

In hopes of honoring the true elements of the story, Ide said he saw trust grow as the project went on, and that was his favorite part.

"We came rolling in and they don't know most of us, these guys coming in from Los Angeles, and by the end of that, for them to see we were true to it, we honored it, that was incredibly rewarding for me."

Stamboulis said that once people realized they were sincere and that they really cared about the story, it was embracing.

"It was the overall experience of feeling the community support us and welcome us," he said.

Friday night, these students finally got to see their work in the final product.

Digital Production II student Maya Weatherall said seeing the film was an inspiring experience for her.

"Watching a family go through obstacles and still maintain a smile inspires me to want to work in the film industry and tell similar stories, too," Weatherall said. "I hope everyone gets a chance to watch it in theaters."

"This Day Forward" will stay at the Waverly Palace Theater through the end of the month.

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Community able to Keep on Learning

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Along with educating its students, Wartburg also enjoys providing courses for the community.

This is made possible by the college's Keep On Learning program, which is currently accepting proposals for topic ideas.

Proposals only need to include information about the topic they would like to present in any format.

They can be submitted to Wartburg's Alumni and Parent Relations office.

Anybody within the Cedar Valley and Wartburg community can submit proposals.

"Wartburg believes in lifelong learning and this program provides an opportunity for that to happen," Renee Voves, Wartburg's associate director of institutional advancement, said.

For the last 10 years, Keep On Learning has offered Thursday morning classes beginning with coffee at 9:00, and the course being from 9:30 to 11:30 in the Heritage Room of the Saemann Student Center.

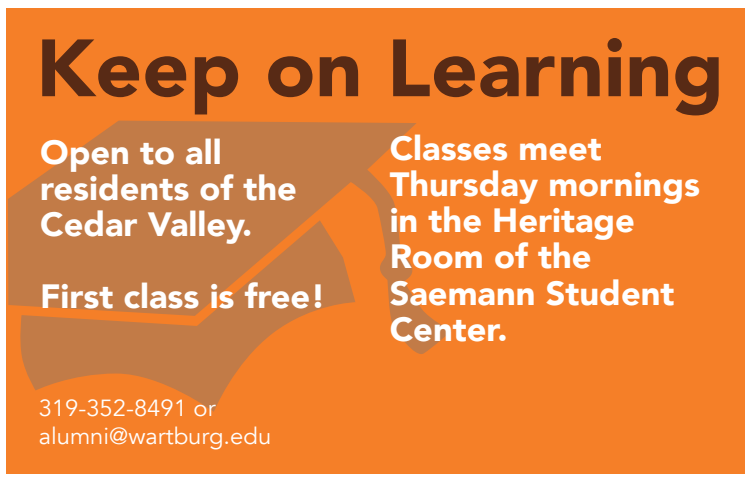
Pre-registration is not required, and the first class is free with a $35 fee for the remaining classes.

Over the years, the classes have covered a wide array of topics such as history, economics and theatre courses.

Many of the classes are taught by current and retired Wartburg professors.

Dr. Charles Figura, a current mathematics, physics and computer science professor, has taught several courses for the program.

These have included an introduction to astronomy, the past, present and future of nuclear power as well as a course over the search for life in the universe.



-Michelle Johnson/*TRUMPET*

Figura said he enjoys interacting with members from the community and that it's a nice change from the typical classroom atmosphere.

"The audience is always there because they're interested in the topic, so they're engaged and have some very insightful questions that always lead to some exciting discussions," Figura said.

While such discussions may lead the group off topic, Figura said this is one of the benefits of such a course.

Without the pressure of covering a certain amount of material, there's no harm in taking tangents that keep the audience engaged, he added.

The interaction with community members is a vital part of these courses.

Many of the instructors ask the class for input or thoughts based on their knowledge or experiences.

"I often ask the audience for help in following a line of reasoning through to a conclusion," Figura said.

"It's much more fun to interact with the audience than to deliver a straight lecture."

If someone is interested in participating or submitting a proposal, more information is available by contacting the Wartburg College Alumni and Parent Relations Office.

They can be reached at 319-352-8491 or alumni@wartburg.edu.

Morgan Neuendorf's project deals with providing food for fish in the tank pictured above. They will create an automated food dispenser. -Krystal Johnson/TRUMPET

Senior projects helping solve problems

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Every year the senior engineering students lend their skills to different partners in both the Waverly community and the Wartburg community.

This year there are eight different service projects that the students are working on.

The class is structured as if the students are working in a real life scenario where Dr. LeAnn Faidley acts as a supervisor rather than their teacher.

The eight projects is double the normal amount.

Two groups are working with Dr. Michael Bechtel in the science department, creating a automated food dispenser to feed his fish.

The second project deals with creating a way to keep the plants wet, but it also drains them to ensure that the roots are growing in the correct direction.

During the summer, Faidley connects with partners for the class projects.

Her main goal is to find partners that have some sort of problem the students can help solve.

"What's great is that every year it's a different project because we solve that problem and then we work on another one," said Faidley.

One of the students working on the food dispenser project is Morgan Neuendorf.

While she finds the project challenging, it is also rewarding.

"Even if it's on a small scale, even just improving Dr. Bechtel's life is enough reward for our group," Neuendorf said.

Students are doing primarily service run projects versus working for a corporation.

While a lot of other engineering design projects work less with service, Faidley has found it works better for her class to work in a different direction.

"I really like the idea that we are doing service with this," Faidley said.

"I like the link with service; it fits really well with Wartburg and shows our students that engineering is a way to serve and not to just make money or the next best product."

While the students get to choose who they want to work with, the teams are still built on finding the best students to create a well-rounded team.

"We all bring a lot of different strengths. Finding how someone can contribute without overstepping or without having to do it all yourself because in the real world it doesn't work like that," Neuendorf said.

Some of the other projects include a team thatis working with an alumnus from Wartburg to create a device that skins soaked beans and then crushes them so they can be fried.

A team is working with Northstar to create a table that can change heights in order for clients in wheel chairs to be able to take part in some of the activities that the program offers.

Another team is working with Retrieving Freedom to create a game that helps autistic children be able to bond with the service dogs.

There is a group that is working on designing a new way to store the piano for the Wartburg Neumann Crew.

A team is working with Faux Farms in creating a table to better clean their vegetables.

The last group is working with the Waverly Lion's Club to create a mechanical lift to help people get into their homes while using a wheel chair.

New major being offered

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A new Engineering Science degree is being made available to all Wartburg students with a major in science engineering.

Dr. Daniel Black

With the approval of the Higher Learning Commission, engineering students will now be able to decide between a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Arts degree.

This will not impact the curriculum, but allows them to control how they want to characterize what they have done with their course of study, Dr. Daniel Black said.

Black said the idea initially arose when surveys from alumni showed that students felt they had not been able to get to an interview stage in a job that was advertised as a bachelor's of science in engineering.

"Pretty much on the resume or diploma of every engineering degree holder it would said Bachelor of Science," Black said.

Before this recent implementation, Wartburg offered the majority of its students Bachelor of Arts degrees.

"If a human being was looking at a resume and it said Bachelor of Arts in engineering they were fine with it, and the students would go through the search procedure like anyone else, but a lot of larger companies use computer programs to filter applications initially," Black said.

Dr. Brian Ernsting, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty, said the Bachelor of Science degree is a good idea because it serves Wartburg's students.

"Students were being disqualified for jobs they should have had and were perfectly qualified for," Ernsting said.

This is not the first time Wartburg has offered a Bachelor of Science degree, but Ernsting said it is limited to the engineering science students for now.

"If we discover this kind of problem with other programs we would fix it, and we would fix it because serving our students is the very first thing that we do when we get up in the morning," he said.

After discussion among faculty and formal paperwork, engineering science students who go on to graduate this year will be the first to make the decision.

"I knew the discussion would really be about whether or not this change would somehow be altering the character of the college, which I have absolutely no interest in doing," Black said.

"I love Wartburg and I have an enormous amount of respect for its tradition of being a liberal arts college and I believe that our engineering program benefits by getting an education in a liberal arts setting," he said.

Black said part of the research in the proposal was done by looking at a significant number of Wartburg's peer institutions who have both Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees.

"There were other schools that we see as similar to us that do both so there wasn't a clear indication by looking at other schools like us that this defined who they were," Black said.

"This is what the future of institutions like ours is going to be," Black said.

"We need to adapt to a new century and we need to consider always what is in the best interest of our students."

The decision to leave the designation up to the student was intentional.

Advisers in the department, like Black, are working with students individually to help them understand what this might mean for them.

"You know, we the faculty gained nothing from this, but our students gained something and so I think it was worth the effort to have it done," Black said.

Kids think its a good idea to do what?

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Everyone loves a good challenge. There was the "ice bucket challenge," '"planking" and now, the "Tide-pod challenge."

The premise of this idiocy is to eat laundry detergent pods and post videos on social media in search of internet fame.

Jamie Ducharme of Times Health said this trend apparently has teenagers eating them for bragging rights.

Millennials have fostered this type of culture on social media, many users have found fame through making ridiculous and dangerous videos.

They hold the ideology that if they can get so many likes online they will correlate to popularity in the real world.

Children who have ingested the capsules have been hospitalized with vomiting, breathing difficulties and loss of consciousness. The repercussions can even be as severe as death.

A change in blood pressure and heart rate have also been reported.

I'm still perplexed why teens think it is a good idea to eat soap,. When I was growing up that was punishment.

Due to reports of illness and death associated with the 'Tide-pod challenge' media platforms Facebook and Youtube have begun to remove videos of this kind.

"We are deeply concerned about conversations related to intentional and improper use of liquid laundry packs," said Procter & Gamble.

The company went on to say they have been working with leading social media networks to remove the content.

Rob Gronkowski was spokesman for a PSA.

This is not the first time a foolish challenge has emerged. For instance the Jenner Lips or Coke and Mentos challenge. Both challenges had participants punch their ticket to the hospital.

Additionally, parents and consumer protection industry were becoming concerned with the candy like appearance.

According to Time, 2017 saw 12,300 estimated "exposures" to laundry pods occurred in children younger than five.

In 2015 the Onion.com published a satirical article from the perspective of a toddler who is entranced by the mouth watering pods.

The fact that the Onion "reported" on the topic of eating tide-pods before it appeared in social media proves the stupidity of the challenge even more.

Too much hype for virtual money

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Bitcoin, bitcoin, bitcoin... the buzzword of 2017. Has any other word sparked the same amount of hype and speculation? Possibly not. You don't even have to be "tech savvy" or knowledgeable to cryptocurrencies to know about bitcoin's historic rise.

The media has played a pivotal role in this, as it's now a mainstream topic. Unfortunately, the topic is always about the speculation of the price of a bitcoin or other cryptocurrencies.

This is unfortunate because it doesn't do the technology itself justice.

What many do not understand is how impresive the technology behind bitcoin really is. When the currency was first "mineable" the average desktop would suffice to complete the task at hand.

Now the equipment saw a huge upgrade and to be able to mine it requires a super computer and ridiculous amounts of power.

An article published by Forbes said "BitCoin mining could conceivably burn through 14,000 megawatts (MW) of power (about equal to half of New England's generating capacity, or –put another way - equal to Denmark's consumption)"

Looking at this price value of any cryptocurrency in a market is short sighted, it's merely the current "trading value". Not the value of the technology.

This aspect alone goes against how stock markets work, their prices are all based off of the company's current success or failure.

In bitcoin, there is no one person in control so the price as mentioned above is very speculative and volatile.

The true value of Bitcoin (or choose your flavor of altcoin) can be realized if and only when the average person understands and trusts the blockchain technology.

Blockchain is firstly a digitized and decentralized ledger of all cryptocurrencies and their transactions.

Once the information has all been recorded a block is permanently added to the permanent database.

Until that point, the price value is only speculative "trading". Unfortunately, we aren't there yet, with probably half of investors believing in the technology and half trying to make a quick buck.

So if you really want the bitcoins and altcoins that many have been blindly spending their paychecks on, you must learn and understand the blockchain technology and educate others about it.

Digital currency is not the disruptor. Blockchain is. The increasing value of cryptocurrencies will just be a byproduct of human understanding and trust of blockchain.

This is frustrating because cryptocurrencies are getting so much attention lately and it's mainly all based around this speculation of future trading prices, mostly around charts or new exchange adoptions.

Cryptos aren't stocks, there is no company to set a baseline of underlying value.

The value is based on supply and demand, where supply is generally fixed, therefore the equation is one part; demand.

Therefore, it's just a pump and dump trading game right now. The blockchain system doesn't crash and is fundamentally extremely low risk.

We're making it a high-risk game because of easy profits.

See the issue? Cryptocoins are being looked at as ways to make money in fiat currencies, not to replace them.

Which funny enough, if it was flipped, those who hold crypto would end up making a lot more.

Ramen Chicken Stir-fry

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Finding time in your busy schedule to cook good, healthy food can often be very difficult. Lucky for you I created this recipe to fill all those requirements.

With a prep time of five minutes and a cook time of 10 minutes this recipe is nutritious and delicious. I used the Ramen flavoring packet for simplicities sake but by any means, get lost in the sauce.

If you've got soy sauce and sesame, then I would slap that in over the flavoring packet. If you've got some stir-fry sauce or sweet and sour, those would also take your food to another level.

The awesome thing about stir fry is you can just throw in any vegetable you have laying in the fridge. I used the leftovers of a veggie platter that was about to go bad.

Recipe for:

Ramen Chicken Stir-fry

Ingredients:

- 2 packs of Ramen-Chicken, oriental or chili flavor.
- 2 chicken breasts cut into bite size pieces: roughly 1"
- Handful of Broccoli
- Handful of Sweet pepper-rings or spears
- 1 ½ Tbsps. Cooking oil
- Hot Sauce!!!

Instructions:

Prep the ingredients. Make the ramen without adding the flavoring packets. Put a skillet (wok) on medium to high heat. Allow it to heat up, add the oil, chicken and a light dusting of black pepper. Brown the chicken; roughly 5 minutes each side. When the chicken looks like its cooked half way (no pink on the outside) add the broccoli, cook briefly, then add peppers. Drain the ramen; make sure to save water for a broth/sauce. Mix the flavoring packets with the saved water. Combine the noodles, chicken and veg to one pan.

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Off-campus release application deadline soon

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Cassandra Hales

The off-campus release application deadline is Feb 19 at 4 p.m.

The application is available in the Student Life Office.

"We usually have them due about a week before winter break so it gives us a week as a committee to meet, review them and give them an answer before they leave for winter break," Director of Residential Life and Chief Conduct Officer Cassandra Hales said.

To automatically qualify for for off-campus housing, a student must either be married, be 23 years of age or older on or by Sept. 1, 2017, commute from a legal guardian's home within the 30 mile radius of campus, have dependent children or be interning full-time off campus further than 50 miles from campus, Hales said.

Students who have fourth-year status with an anticipated graduation date of December 2018, May 2019, or Summer of 2019 or have a circumstance that they feel requires special attention can also submit an application for consideration.

"If you are a senior and you meet the criteria and you complete the application you are pretty much always approved," Hales said.

For the 2017-2018 school year, 189 Wartburg students lived off-campus.

"For seniors its just that sense of being on their own for the first time," Hales said. "I also think they want to live in more apartment style living, and we just don't have that option on-campus."

Hales said that one of the biggest advantages to living off-campus is saving money if it is done right.

"Budgeting their money well in regards to monthly bills and food they can generally save money living off-campus," Hales said

However, Hales said that sometimes this can be a disadvantage as well.

"Nobody's feeding you," Hales said. "You have to feed your self. You're responsible for paying for cable and wifi and all of those things that you want."

The compute to campus, depending on where students live, can sometimes also be a disadvantage, Hales said.

"In the winter when there's a snow storm, it's really easy to walk from Clinton to class, but it is not necessarily easy to drive your car here."

Hales also said that do not hand pick the students that live off campus.

"If we have 30 seniors, we're only going to choose 25; we don't do that," Hales said. "If all 30 of you meet criteria, all 30 of you get to go."

Wartburg Hosts annual Meistersinger Honor Choir

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Wartburg students and high school students will perform Jan. 22 in Neuman auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Admission is $10 for adults and $5 for students. —**Marketing and Comm.**

Wartburg is hosting their annual Meistersinger Honor Choir Festival on Jan. 21-22.

The festival will feature high school students from different backgrounds, but who all share a common interest in vocal music.

Dr. Lee Nelson, director of The Wartburg Choir, said there will be over 90 high schools represented at the festival.

These high school and Wartburg students will be working together to enhance their vocal skills and will even get the chance to work with a special guest composer, Shawn Kirchner, who is a Cedar Falls native.

"Shawn Kirchner is a Hollywood studio musician and composer who sings on a variety of films including Jumanji, La La Land and Ghostbusters," Nelson said.

High school students will not only get the opportunity to work with a guest composer, they will also be given the chance to see what life is like on Wartburg's campus.

College students will be hosting festival students in their rooms so students can get a true feeling of Wartburg outside of their busy schedule of practicing. Stephanie Klemetson is the music tours, camp and promotions manager for the music department. She said that although Meistersingers is similar to a visit day, it differs in allowing students to perform and be in their music element.

"We treat this festival as almost like a campus visit, the students that come to this festival have the added benefit of having a powerful music experience which is a big part of what they do and hosting them overnight allows them to know the campus better and get a little taste of what it's like to live on campus and be in that campus community," Klemetson said.

Olivia Pederson attended Meistersinger Honor Choir in her junior year of high school and is now a student at Wartburg.

"Attending the festival was one of the big reasons I chose Wartburg," Pederson said.

From a student's point of view, Pederson said this festival is a great way to see how the college's ensembles work and what it is like to be involved in a college ensemble. Pederson also said both the Wartburg students and the high school students benefit from this festival and the high school students can see how much dedication and work it is to be involved in the ensembles.

"For Wartburg students it's fun because you can go back in time and relate to the high school students and have fun with them so it's really a fun time for both of them," Pederson said.

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Ashley McHose sits peacefully in a café in Rennes, France, awaiting the arrival of her tuna sandwich. However, she glances at the waiter in confusion when a bright green drink is instead placed in front of her.

Looking back, McHouse said she must have mispronounced her order, and is forced to pay for the expensive mint julep, a fancy alcoholic beverage.

McHose's journey began with an early passion for French, languages and culture.

She now relies on these passions and experiences to help her connect with those in the Wartburg community as Vogel Library's information literacy and user experience librarian, a position she has filled for the last two years.

"The more information you can find in various languages, the more viewpoints you can get whether they are cultural or regional viewpoints," McHose said.

McHose began learning French while her family was residing in Minnesota.

Her mother learned of immersion camps held within the state, and encouraged her 9-year-old daughter to attend.

McHose chose the "language of love" and instantly adored it. She continued studying French throughout high school and college, where she was presented with the opportunity to study abroad in Rennes.

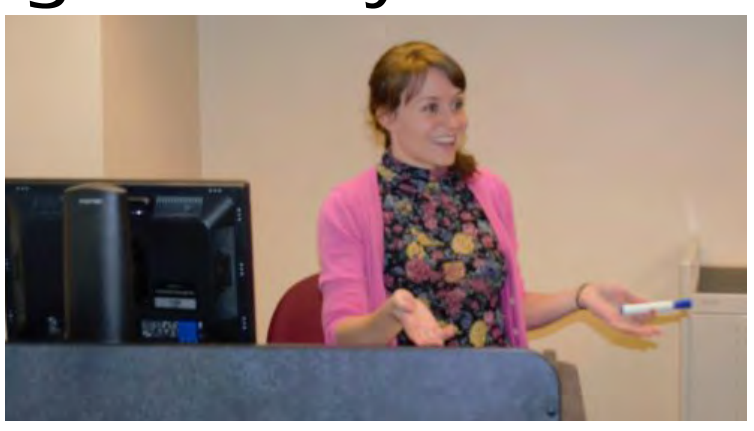
There, she student-taught an English class and lived with a Peruvian host family, who spoke both French and Spanish in their home.

While McHose's French skills were limited at the time, this experience allowed her to improve within the language since very few people in the Rennes community spoke English.

Eventually, McHose graduated with her undergraduate degree in French and theater from the University of Wisconsin—Madison. She worked at a public library in Quebec, Canada, speaking all French, for two years before coming to Wartburg.

Since then, she has embraced the responsibilities within her position, including partnering with Wartburg's International Club to host events within Culture Week such as Coffee & Teas from Around the World.

Jill Westen, a fellow information literacy librarian, knew McHose was a great fit for Wartburg when, in November of her first year, McHose showed up in the St. Elizabeth costume during St. Elizabeth week. She "unabashedly" taught


Ashley McHose, a reference librarian at Vogel Library, uses her French experiences to connect with the Wartburg community. —**Tyler French**/*TRUMPET*

her sessions, conducted research consultations and went to meetings all day in the flowing robe, Westen said.

"Wartburg students embody the spirit of Wartburg by being enthusiastic, service-oriented and humble," Westen said. "Ashley also embodies those things in addition to being creative and a pleasure to collaborate with."

She strives to assure that all the students feel engaged and empowered, learn transferable skills that can be used in any workplace and have leadership experiences, Weston said.

"She is an incredible supervisor and treats everyone kindly, never allowing our hard work to go unnoticed," Candace Baker, a library student employee said. "She is amazingly compassionate about her job, her students and activities."

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Students learn emergency training

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Students learn how to do a triage while taking the ID 315: Leadership Theories and Practices. This course is offered during winter terms.— **Submitted Photo**

For students enrolled in the ID 315: Leadership Theories and Practices, there is an opportunity to learn about the proper procedure for emergency situations.

The program is called Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and it is offered to students taking the class during second semester.

Ashley Lang has been teaching the class over the past several years, and she said it is a great program for students .

"It's a prime way to engage in your community, no matter what community you are a part of and even to giving back to Wartburg," Lang said. "If there's a disaster, knowing you have people who know who they are supposed to deal with is very beneficial."

This year, the class will be taught by Dr. Fred Waldstein in partnership with Kip Ladage, who runs the program.

Waldstein said the students will go through live exercises and training involving different emergency or medical situations, such as a fire or an accident.

He also said CERT is aimed toward making people an asset in those situations.

"It's designed to educate people about the importance of being prepared in the event of a disaster," Waldstein said. "You want to be able to be part of the solution, not part of the problem when you're in that environment."

CERT covers different situations ranging from fire suppression to medical operations.

Once students finish the program, students are certified as CERT volunteers and can help anywhere in the country where there is a CERT program.

During the fall semester, students get involved with either Retrieving Freedom (RFI) or Community Builders (CB) and then CERT or CB in the winter.

The CERT program relates to RFI and CB because it offers an opportunity for students to engage in their communities in a unique way, Lang said.

Lang said the program involves a lot of practical work and Ladage will even use fake blood in the simulations to make it as real as possible.

She added students in the program can also expect intensive work and work outside of class to earn the certification and the program is more about service than anything else.

"It's really about giving back to your community and being a leader in your community versus job training, but students do make those connections," Lang said. "It's a combination of things. I think it's really about why the person wants to do it."

Wartburg students spend May Term in Greece

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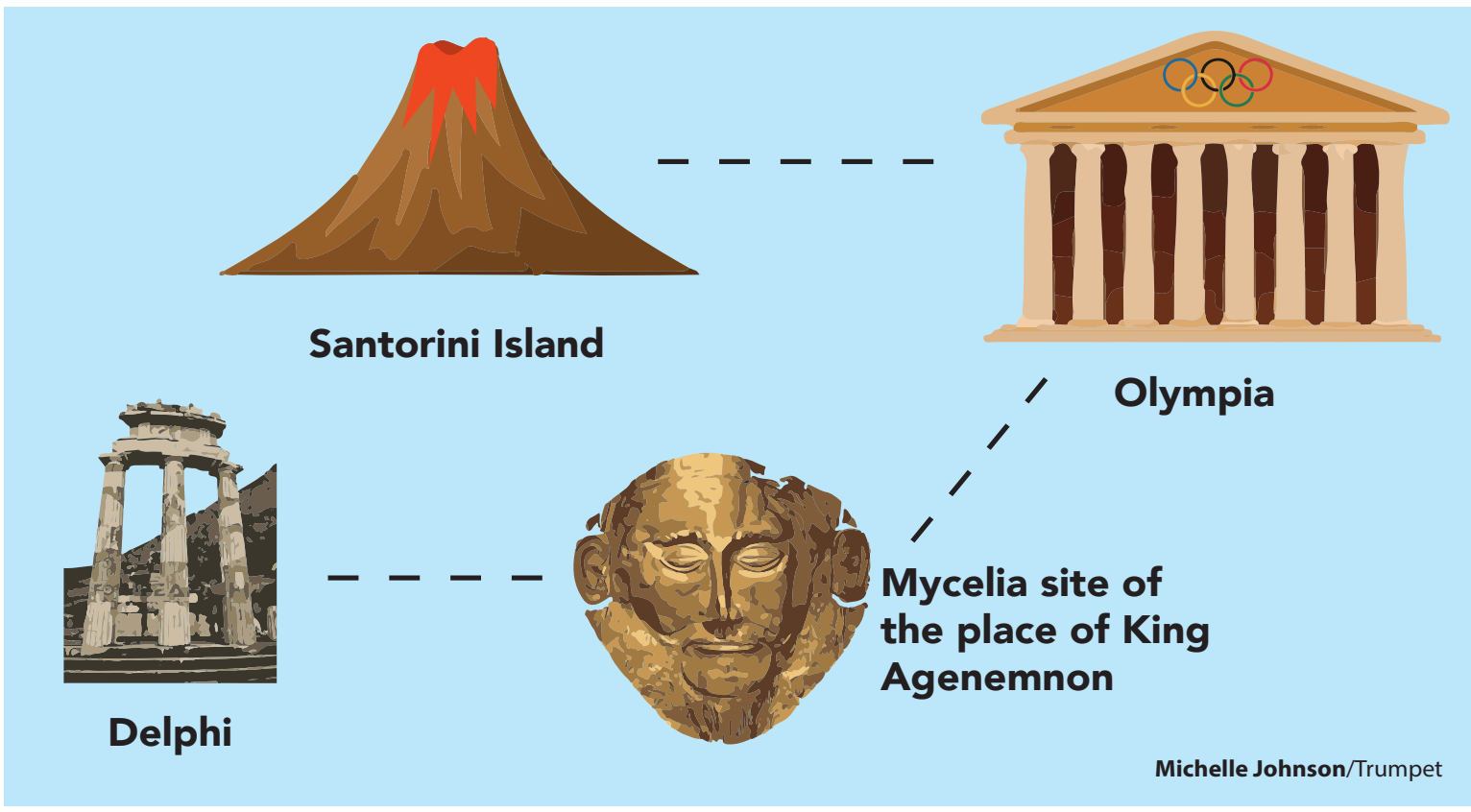

The first time Dr. Joyce Boss visited Greece was in December 1984 during her travels after completing her time with the Peace Corps.

While in Greece, Boss was captivated by both the culture and rich history that Greece had to offer.

Ever since then, Boss wanted to take her students to Greece.

Boss will lead a class to Greece in May.

Boss, who has taken students on May Term trips to Japan in the past, is thrilled for the opportunity to share Greece with her students.

"I have always wanted to take students to the Eastern Mediterranean," Boss said. "I am excited to have students experience the culture, hospitality, the way people are and the way they behave and talk to each other in Greece."

Before departing, students must fill out paperwork and take Myth in The Ancient World.

In their pre-requisite, which doubles as an introductory course to myth and folklore, students will focus specifically on the myth traditions of the ancient Greek Classical world.

Boss said she is hopeful her students come away from the course understanding more about classical and ancient Greek history, as well as a bit of knowledge pertaining to the Greek alphabet.

"All of our May Term courses offer something unique, and what this course offers is a chance for students to visit and directly experience the eastern Mediterranean," Boss said

Due to Greece's location, it offers a different flavor of Europe than some of the other May Term courses do, she said.

"This trip will allows students to explore a part of the world that is very ancient and to visit sites and touch stones that were carved thousands and thousands of years ago which is pretty amazing," Boss said.

Accompanying Boss on the trip will be 18 students and one other faculty member.

One of the students attending the trip is senior Madisen Hinegardner, and she said that she could not be more thrilled for this opportunity.

After hearing about the trip from Boss, Hinegardner knew instantly that she had to go, and changed her schedule and signed up the next day.

"I am most excited to experience and learn from a new culture with its history and people," Hinegardner said.

"I love the feeling of being completely immersed and getting to learn hands-on and live the experiences I've been reading about."

Hinegardner said she is looking forward to being surrounded by all of the culture and trying the unique food that Greece has to offer.

She is also longing to see all of the sights and history that she has studied in her literature classes.

"I can't wait to see it all come to life," Hinegardner said.

"I hope to learn a lot more about myself and continue to see my own growth from being exposed to so many different atmospheres and cultures than I am used to. I also hope to take away a greater appreciation of the world and Greece's beautiful history and people."

Becca Sutherland, who has attended a May Term trip with Boss in the past, is also looking forward to the opportunities that going to Greece has to offer.

"I'm just excited for the experience and the ability to go on another May Term trip with Dr. Boss," Sutherland said. "She's the best."

Sutherland said she does not know much about Greece, but hopes to change that by going on this trip.

"I learned about ancient history growing up and I've read 'The Odyssey' so that is what initially sparked my interest in going," Sutherland said.

"I saw a poster advertising the trip and knew I had to go. The pictures of Greece look beautiful and I can't wait to experience it."

Students attending the trip will depart on the first day of May Term and arrive in Athens on May 2.

The plans include trips to Santorini Island to see a volcano, traveling to Olympia: the home of olympic games, mycelia site of the place of King Agamemnon and visiting Delphi, the site of the ancient oracle.

The trip will span two weeks total: five nights in Athens with several day trips, two nights in Santorini, four nights to visit sites upcountry and then they will end in Athens.

After returning to campus students will spend a few days spent recuperating and then class meets back up for the students to put together their final presentations over information which they gather while in Greece.

While the trip is still several months away, Boss is highly anticipating it.

"Overall, I hope that it will be a cultural experience of which the students will never forget," Boss said.

Knights extend IIAC winning streak

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The Wartburg Knights extended their conference win streak to 203 as they went undefeated at the IIAC Duals.

Senior Kyle Fank described the importance of keeping the winning streak alive.

“Every duel is another chance someone can knock us off,” Fank said. “You just have to take it one match at a time."

The Knights did just that, starting off their day with a 39-6 win over the Central Dutch.

Ninth-ranked Brock Rathbun won by forfeit at 133 pounds to secure the first victory for Wartburg.

Top-ranked Cross Cannone won by fall over Central’s Jordan Challen at 149 pounds, while top-ranked Logan Thomsen defeated Collin Groleau by technical fall at 157 pounds.

Max Forsyth defeated Jeremy Vester by a 10-7 decision at 165 pounds.

At 174 pounds, top-ranked Eric DeVos won by major decision.

Fourth-ranked Tyler Lutes won the 184 pound match against Griffin McBride by technical fall, while second-ranked Kyle Fank defeated Duncan Lee by major decision at 197 pounds.

At 285 pounds, Bowen Wileman beat Chris Murino by fall.

Wartburg's next victory was a 50-0 shutout over Dubuque.

At 125 pounds, Brennen Doebel started off the dual with a fall. Rathbun followed with a technical fall at 133 pounds.

Nicholas Meling defeated Michael Mutton by major decision at 141 pounds.

Cannone and Thomsen both posted technical falls over the Spartans, while second-ranked Mike Ross won by fall at 165 pounds.

Forsyth also posted a fall at 174 pounds.

At 184 pounds, Kyle Briggs defeated Terrin Reckouski by technical fall. Fank did the same at 197 pounds over Miguel Chestnut.

Wileman wrapped up the match with a 14-11 decision

Wartburg concluded their day with a 54-0 win over the Buena Vista Beavers.

At 125 pounds, Noah Padilla defeated Nate Vento by fall in his first varsity dual appearance. Rathbun followed with a fall of his own over Schuyler Spurrier.

Meling and Forsyth both received forfeits, while Cannone posted a technical fall.

The Wartburg wrestling team added three more wins to their IIAC winning streak. The streak began in 1994 and currently stands at 203. **-Marketing and Comm.**

Blake Meyer beat Carson Rhoads at 157 pounds by a 17-7 decision.

Ross defeated Andrew Hoffman by fall, while DeVos, Wileman and Fank posted technical falls.

With that technical fall, Fank moved up to be Wartburg’s career leader in tech falls. His record stands at 29.

The three wins put Wartburg’s current IIAC win streak at 203. Head Coach Eric Keller said that this streak poses a unique opportunity for current and future teams.

“When else in your life are you going to have a chance to make history?” Keller said. “Some people may not have that opportunity again. Don’t take that for granted.”

The Knights will continue their season on the road against Coe on Friday.

Cannone strides towards success

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Success is defined by how one overcomes obstacles in their life. For junior wrestler Cross Cannone, what stood out to the coaches was the way he reacted when losing a match.

Head wrestling coach Eric Keller said he saw a competitor that would never lose the fight to win and compete.

“He is a competitor, he will never give up competing," Keller said.

"As simple as it sounds it is an attribute that is very hard to find… Its easy when you're winning but to see how someone responds when losing is what truly defines someone," he said.

Due to how Cannone reacted to adversity, he was approached with the opportunity to be part of the Wartburg family and a team with abundant national championships in its history.

“Being from Connecticut, I was not too familiar with Wartburg, but when I looked into it I was attracted by the winning tradition here and the incredible coaching staff that builds national champions," Cannone said.

"Last year I fell just short of being a national champion, but my eyes are on the prize this year.”

Currently ranked number one in the nation at 149 pounds, Cannone knows there is another chance to finish what he had started. Everyday he walks in, he knows what he puts into it is what he will get out of it.

“He doesn’t just talk about the goal, he shows the strides he makes to surpass his goals on the daily basis. That’s leadership. His daily approach shows the leadership he brings to the team," Keller said.

With national championships around the corner, Cannone knows he has put himself into a situation where he can be part of history at Wartburg. His eyes are set on becoming a National Champion.

“I know the tough road that’s ahead of me and I’m here because of my surrounding competitors and teammates," Cannone said.

"As much as an individual sport wrestling is, when you scratch the surface we are one giant family that supports one another and pushes each other to greatness," Cannone said.

"At the end of the day my success is built off everyone that surrounds me."

Championships are earned and do not come easy, but Cannone has earned respect from his team, opponents and people around the nation. All eyes are on him as he inches his way towards becoming a national champion.

After taking second at Nationals last year, Cross Cannone is determined to finish his junior season a National Champion. **-Riley Cole/*TRUMPET***

Coaches set the winning tone

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Head baseball coach Joel Holst has acquired 16 regular season conference championships and 11 tournament championships in his 23 years at Wartburg. Holst said the winning culture at Wartburg comes from the coaches at Wartburg, along with recruiting the right kids.

Joel Holst

“Kids that can be successful in the classroom and can handle the academic aspects, usually are the kids that have proved that they have a hard work ethic and can be successful,” Holst said.

Holst’s team has a veteran staff of over five coaches who have been with Wartburg for 18 plus years and a number of coaches who have played in the Wartburg baseball program. Holst said that when recruiting, he looks for those who can be molded into their individual program.

“We know it’s a different year and a different group of guys. Making sure that our freshmen understand what is expected of them and correcting them because we know it’s never perfect,” Holst said.

“It’s about making the tiny little corrections, if there is a tough practice or game, we have to think, 'what are we going to do so we can fix this?'"

The Wartburg baseball team has been working hard for this upcoming season.

With 12 returning seniors, they have been able to lead the team through a productive fall season and off-season program.

Senior pitcher Austin Bohling is ready to start the season.

As a veteran on the mound, Bohling cannot thank the coaching staff enough, let alone Holst.

“The coaching staff has molded me into a person that I realized that I want to be," Bohling said.

"They have taught us a lot about baseball and even more about life."

The Wartburg baseball team had their first practice on Jan. 21, with their first game on the road against Bethel University on Feb. 27 at 6:30.

Wartburg's sixth woman

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The Wartburg women's basketball team is undefeated on the season, and ranked in the top two in the nation for the first time in program history.

There are many deserving of credit for the Knights' success, but it could not be done without the contributions of the team's most key bench player: Emma Gerdes.

The second-oldest of seven children, most of which are athletes themselves, Gerdes grew up with athletics all around her.

She went to Cedar Falls High, where she helped guide her team to a few trips to the state tournament.

Head coach Bob Amsberry, said Gerdes was a coveted recruit out of high school. Because of her talent and her potential, Amsberry said her choosing Wartburg came as quite the surprise.

"I thought when we recruited [Gerdes], it was going to be a stretch to be able to get her, because I think she's a potential higher-level player," Amsberry said.

"She's a great fit for us. Not only from a player standpoint, but great character, a great leader. I'll never forget when she called me to tell me she was coming. It was a pretty happy day."

During the recruiting process, Gerdes was presented with plenty of options as to where to go to school. Gerdes said Amsberry and the dynamic of the team really drew her in, but her decision was based on more than just basketball.

"It was really just the people," Gerdes said.

"Just the girls on the team; getting to get to know them on my visits and getting to hang out with them. They seemed like a group of girls that I would be able to connect with and have a lot of fun with. Even outside of basketball, just being on campus made it feel like it would be a good home," she said.

Now, Gerdes is in her second season with the Knights, getting to play good minutes in each of her first two years.

High school and college basketball can be two completely different animals, but Amsberry said Gerdes needed little to no transition to be good to go.

"Emma was pretty ready when she got here," Amsberry said. "She's really talented. It didn't take her long to show that she was ready to play at our level, even as a freshman."

At the start of her sophomore season, Gerdes got the starting nod at shooting guard while Morgan Neuendorf was still occupied with soccer season.

Gerdes said it was good to start, but was perfectly fine with it after Neuendorf returned to the team.

"It was fun to start, but I always knew that Morgan was coming back," Gerdes said.

"It was cool to get that opportunity, to start as a sophomore, but Morgan's awesome. It's fun to be able to kind of be her backup."

Emma Gerdes has been instrumental in the Knights' undefeated 2018 season. **-Marketing and Comm.**

With the unbeaten start, things are looking promising for the Knights. In the midst of this success, Gerdes said it is important to stay selfless. Even with that said, however, the prospect of a deep postseason run is in the back of her mind, as well as the rest of the team.

"They always talk about the Final Four, and how much fun it was," Gerdes said.

"So last year when we got knocked out early, I felt like I kind of missed out on that.

"We definitely have the chance to go far again this year. I just want to experience what they experienced, and I think they want to experience it again too, so that really motivates us in practice every day," she said.

Gerdes and the Knights will look to continue their success on Wednesday when they travel to Dubuque to take on Loras.

Their next home game is just three days later, when they play host to the University of Dubuque.

Tipoff for Saturday's game is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Coverage for that contest can be found on Knight Vision and 89.9 KWAR FM.

Taking the road less traveled

One of the most athletic players on the team, Cliff Brown is known for his thunderous dunks. **-Marketing and Comm.**

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A four year member of the Wartburg men's basketball team, Cliff Brown is a conventional post player, but his path to joining the team was anything but.

After a few years away from organized basketball, Brown was able to join the Knights thanks to a mutual contact with the Knights' head coach Dick Peth.

In his four years, there have been some great memories for Brown.

He said the best one came with last season's team.

"Sweet 16 last year, that was our biggest, best memory," Brown said.

"I always thought we were good throughout all the years I've been here, but it showed after that game."

Coming to Wartburg was a transition for Brown. The Florida native said he had to adjust to a new schedule, being in class again and getting used to the much colder weather in Iowa.

Assistant coach Jason Steege said Brown has gotten better every single year he has been at Wartburg and also commended his academic work.

"He's done a great job taking care of business in the classroom," Stegge said.

"Cliff has done a great job adjusting and he's going to end up having a great four years here academically and athletically."

Many things set Brown apart from the typical college student.

Steege said one of which is that Brown had a different sense of maturity than most players when they first get to Wartburg.

"He's had a chance to work through some different things and had to prioritize what's important in his life. First and foremost getting his degree and playing basketball along with it," Steege said.

"I think there was a sense of maturity for him when he first set foot on campus and it was just continuing to grow in that regard for him."

Brown has developed great relationships with his teammates over the years.

He said even though he is halfway across the country, he has made a new, extended family.

"It's showed that even though I don't have my actual family here, I still kind of have family because they're my brothers and that's my coach," Brown said.

In addition to the skills he brings to the team on the court, Steege said Brown also brings a great personality to the team.

Stegge added that Brown's absence will be felt when he graduates in May.

"Our guys love being around Cliff and so just seeing his smile every single day and the energy that he brings to our program and the enthusiasm he plays with is something we will miss about him," Steege said.

Knights post up and down week

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The Wartburg women's and men's basketball teams continued into the heart of the conference schedule and posted mixed results for the week.

The women's team won both of their games over Buena Vista and Nebraska Wesleyan. The team now stands at 17-0 (8-0) on the season and is off to the best start in program history.

Against Buena Vista, the number two Knights had five players finish in double figures, led by Katie Sommer's 16.

Megan Murphy came off the bench to provide a huge scoring spark with 14 points and hit four of the team's 13 three pointers.

The team recorded 23 assists on their 33 baskets and all but three of the 16 players that played scored at least two points.

It was more of the same against Nebraska Wesleyan on Wednesday in Lincoln. Wartburg beat the Prairie Wolves 93-72 and again had five players in double figures.

Kristie Sommer found her three-point shot after she knocked down seven triples this week. She is just one three pointer away from tying the career record of 217.

For the men's squad, it was a disappointing week, to say the least.

The Knights won in dominating fashion over the conference leading Beavers 85-65. Sawyer Herman led the team with 20 points with Cam Kickbush and Max Smith Drahos contributing 13 and 10, respectively.

The defense held the Beaver offense to an abysmal 18.8 percent shooting from downtown and hounded the opposing ball handlers, forcing 17 turnovers.

After the big win at home, Wartburg looked like it might be able to seize control of first place in the conference with a win over Nebraska Wesleyan.

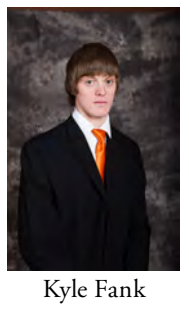
However, the Prairie Wolves took it to the Knights and blew them out 99-60.

One of the positives for the team came in the form of Nate Woeste who scored 20 points on 8-11 of shooting.

The rest of the Knights combined to score just 40 points on 14-51 shooting. No other player scored in double figures

After the loss, Wartburg still sits at 12-5 (5-3), but they have now dropped their last four games away from Levick Arena. The men will try to get back on track while the women look to stay undefeated when they go on the road this Wednesday to finish the season series against the Loras Duhawks.

Wartburg Trumpet Athletes of the Week



Kyle Fank

Set new school record with 29 technical falls; extended winning streak to 12.

Samantha Holtz

Named Chelsea M. Henkenius meet MVP; won the shot put and was second in the weight throw.